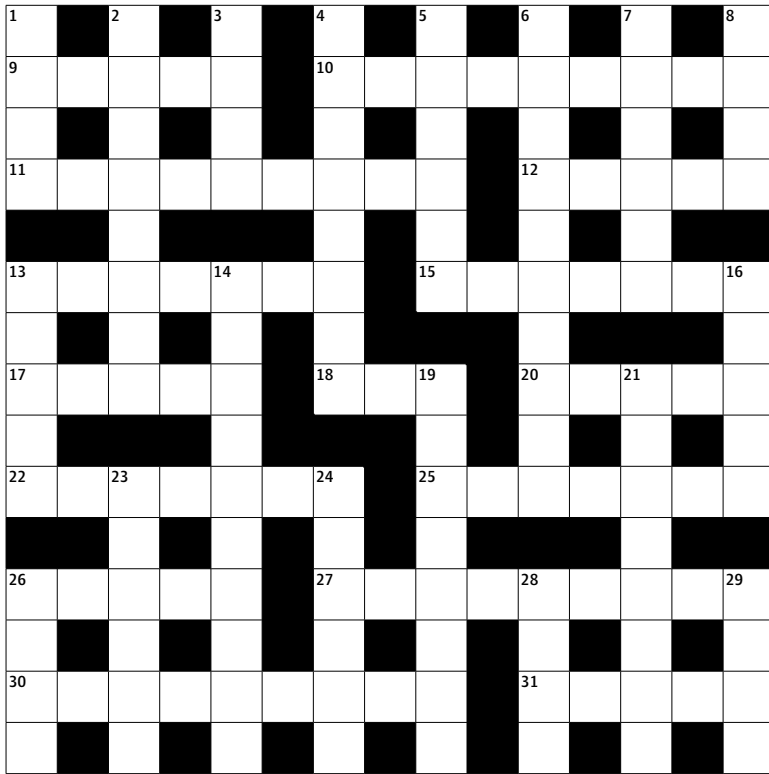


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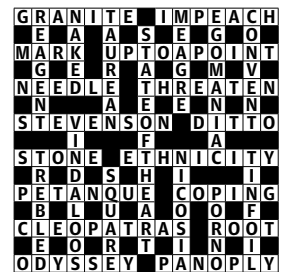
- 9** Issue with American greeting gunshot (5)
- 10** Writer sent over drink with fruit, touring Australia (5,4)
- 11** See 26 Down
- 12** Single 13 down appeared (5)
- 13** Group of 13 downs fit around that in Versailles (7)
- 15** Stars quietly dated 13 down in literature (7)
- 17** Showed delight with rings - what about diamonds? (5)
- 18** Whistleblower engineers lead for Feds (3)
- 20** Confession of compiler stealing large key (5)
- 22** Ex-president's male horse going west in country (7)
- 25** 13 down in film resort in America (7)
- 26** Woman ate nothing after husband's cut back (5)
- 27** Made rustic wine cases one included in range (9)
- 30** Tailor doesn't lie, making cuts (9)
- 31** Feebler French song (5)

Down

- 1** 13 downer from writer in pretty poem (4)

- 2** Ex-president drinking bad rum's swift dismissal (4,4)
- 3** Moguls' capital: £1000 in banks in another area (4)
- 4** On booze, one seeks good story (8)
- 5** Bit of a 13 down from drunk - drink up! (6)
- 6** Rationales for reform of politicians (10)
- 7** Ape rock singer with personal problem (6)
- 8** Make a 13 downer, say, in Black Sea, oddly (4)
- 13** Maybe Violet's low weight rising (5)
- 14** Foreign articles: long and small 13 downers? (10)
- 16** Repeat this brief song on love (5)
- 19** Ground grain roughly for 13 down (8)
- 21** Solo melodeon's playing without middle note (8)
- 23** Make a 13 downer with instrument, holding note (6)
- 24** Big hit includes funny rap verse, getting Russian ace on board (6)
- 26/11** She saw the water-28 13 down totally, with dash of rum (4,2,7)
- 28** Doctor leaves Mrs 15 13 down holding one 13 down (4)
- 29** 13 downing sewers may do so (4)

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